Justice Dept. Takes Control Of Warren Report Evidence

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The government today made sure that any future study—official or private—of the assassination of President John F Kennedy will have the use of al the evidence used by the Warre Commission.

Acting Atty. Gen. Ramse Clark today issued an order tha claims government ownership o "all Warren Commission evi dence."

Under his order, this evidenc "will be preserved intact an deposited permanently in th National Archives," Ramse said in a statement.

It was not immediately clea whether this action will hav any effect, now or later, on the growing controversy over the Warren Commission's work and its conclusion that Lee Harvey Oswald, acting alone, shot President Kennedy in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963.

A number of critics of the Warren Report have contended that the commission's conclusion was based either on inadequate study of the evidence or, in some cases, the failure even to consider some materials that might bear on the assassination.

Several books published by critics of the commission have sought to raise doubt about whether the Warren Report

be reopened, either by an official government body or by a private study group.

Richard N. Goodwin, a former aide to Presidents Kennedy and Johnson, has been among those urging another official review.

Today's order by Clark was a result of a law passed by Congress last year assigning the attorney general the job of deciding which items of evidence of the assassination should be preserved and which the government should take over as its own.

Clark's order has the effect of claiming government title to everything used by the Warren Commission. Some of this evidence is now owned by the government, while ownership of other evidence is unclear or in dispute.

Both types of evidence now will become government property and will be deposited permanently in the National Archives under various forms of availability to the public.

assure the availability both now and in the future, of evidence concerning the assassination of President Kennedy."

It was understood that this statement about "availability" of the evidence did not mean that commission evidence now withheld would be immediately released for public inspection.

However, the order will preserve those reports.

Critics of the Commission's conclusion about Oswald and his supposed solitary act in killing the President have cited the FBI reports among the evidence that they believe should be made available for public study to determine the validity of the commission's concluusions.

Other items that critics have said are important in any analysis of the Commission's report are photos and X-rays made of President Kennedy's body during an autopsy to determine definitely the cause of death.

The autopsy photos and the X-rays apparently were not considered by the Warren Commission. This evidence apparently is not now consideerd a part of the Commission evidence that is to be preserved under today's order.

Both the autopsy evidence and the FBI reports have been consideerd critical evidence by those who challenge the Warren eRport's conclusion that Oswald was not a part of a large conspiracy.

The Warren Commission, in determining that Oswald acted along, had concluded that Oswald fired all of the shots that first wounded and then killed Mr. Kennedy and that wounded

bullet theory." This theory holds that a single bullet apparently passed through the President's body and wounded Connally. If this theory is wrong, critics have said, it would have taken more shots than Oswald could have fired, and this would suggest the participation of more than one person with a gun.